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For: **FAULT TOLERANT APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING A REVOLUTION RATE OF A GEAR**

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

A statement of reasons for allowance was set forth in the Notice of Allowance mailed on July 22, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application.

The Examiner's statement as to the reasons for allowance raises at least one point that the Applicants would like to clarify. The Examiner states that "the memory with the claimed invention is directly tied to the two source signals and as well as time variables." The Applicants note, however, that none of these terms are recited in independent claim 20 and, thus, the Examiner's statement appears to be inapposite. The Applicants respectfully note that the claims stand on their own in terms of patentability.

This statement commenting on the reasons for allowance is timely submitted.

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